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Upcoming Events

Visit www.doverbaptist.org or call the Dover office: (804) 550-1980 for more information.

Monthly Dover Pastors & Ministry Staff

Prayer Gathering

Tuesday, May 4, 10 a.m., Zoom

Weekly Pastors Support Group

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

A/V & Tech Support Network

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Dover WMU Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m., Zoom

North Run Baptist Church

Prayer Council Meeting

Friday, May 14, 10 a.m.,

Dover Office

Pastors Health Network - Book Discussion

"Contextual Intelligence: Unlocking the Ancient Secret to Mission on the Front Lines"

Tuesday, May 18, 12 p.m.,

Dover Office & Zoom

Memorial Day, Monday, May 31

Office Closed

Paper Shred Day

Tuesday, June 15, 1-3 p.m.,

Dover Baptist Association Office

May: Month of Prayer Emphasis 2021 Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Baptist Association Missions

Offering Goal: \$30,000
(100% Benefits Missions & Ministries)

Ministry to Our Baptist Community

Inner City Ministry **\$3,000**

Share ministry costs of Oregon Hill Baptist Center, Church Hill Wellness Center, and South Richmond Baptist Center to help meet spiritual and physical needs of some of the poorest inner city residents.

Tipi Wakan Ministries Partnership **\$5,000**

Help fund ministry projects or positions in partnership with Tipi Wakan Ministries

Ministry to Ministers and Their Families **\$1,500**

Help pay for needs of Dover ministers and their families (e.g., counseling, unexpected bills, etc.)

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries **\$500**

Share the costs of providing Gospel witness and ministry at Richmond Raceway

Partnership Missions **\$1,200**

Pay part of the cost of partnership missions trips to encourage more Dover Baptists to go.

Base Goal: \$11,200

Ministry to Our Faith Community

Christian Leadership Development **\$1,800**

Help educate and develop Christians in the areas of developing future Christian leaders, minister to refugees and immigrants God has placed across the communities we serve, and learning to reconcile our differences.

Jail Ministries **\$500**

Contribute to ministries that help people find true freedom in Christ

Medical Ministries **\$2,500**

Contribute to ministries that help provide healthcare for underprivileged persons

Pregnancy Resource Center Ministry **\$1,000**

Help educate and minister to women and men facing difficult decisions regarding pregnancy and family planning.

Faith Goal: \$17,000

Ministry to Our Greater Community

Community, Benevolent, Housing, and Other Ministry Grants **\$13,000**

Grants that help local cooperative ministries serve the communities represented by Dover churches

Hallelujah Goal: \$30,000

Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Association Missions Grant Guidelines

Purpose. Dover's Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Association Missions helps fund missions and charitable work outside of Dover's budgeted expenses. The offering calls attention to missions and charitable work in and beyond the communities served by Dover churches. Association Missions Offering grants are intended to benefit work that complements, rather than duplicates, the work of Dover and its churches in keeping with our biblical values.

Who May Apply. A Dover church that contributes to the association's General Budget may apply on behalf of a tax-exempt ministry or organization that provides services—in keeping with our biblical values—to a people group in the community that church serves.

Application Requirements. An application must include the following items:

- A letter from the nominating church, or those empowered to act for the church, with minutes or other similar statement verifying the church's nomination and the grant amount requested (the church should address the letter to the Association Missions Offering Team at Dover Baptist Association)
- A description of the ministry or organization, including contact information and a description of how the grant would be used
- The most recent annual report or some other supporting documentation that confirms the work of the potential grant recipient

Any other information that might help the team evaluate the grant application.

Permitted Grant Uses. The grant must be used for the direct benefit of the people served by the ministry or organization

(e.g., benevolent or program expenses). Grants may not be used for salaries or operating expenses other than those that directly benefit the people the ministry or organization serves.

- The church must and its senior pastor must approve the nomination, including the amount requested, and affirm the above use.
- Dover's Association Missions Offering Team has final approval on the award and nomination does not guarantee approval of a grant award; the Missions Offering Team may choose to award the amount requested or a different amount, up to \$3,000, to a nominated ministry or organization and is accountable to Dover Baptist Association and its Executive Committee
- Nominees are not limited to ministries or organizations sponsored by the Dover Baptist Association, its member churches, or other Baptist entities
- Churches may nominate secular organizations if the nominee can demonstrate that it meets all other requirements

Funding. Dover Baptist Association receives its offering through October 31 each year. Dover distributes Missions Offering grants after the offering closes on October 31.

Follow Up. Within six months after receiving the grant, the recipient ministry or organization should provide a report to Dover and to the nominating church describing what happened to the money and what it accomplished or made possible. This report will be used by the Missions Offering Team to help evaluate future nominations for similar grants.

Application Process. Completed nominations (see above) must arrive in the Dover office by the last business day of October for grants to be made by the end of the year.

Dover WMU Annual Meeting

(Join us to get re-energized about missions)

Thursday, May 13, 2021

North Run Baptist Church & Zoom
2100 Lydell Drive, Henrico, Virginia

Relentless: Living authentic faith in Christ

7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker:

Dr. Valerie Carter Smith, Executive Director/Treasurer of WMUV

Mission Project Focus: The WMUV will collect hygiene, family, and children's donation kits to deliver to Standing Rock this Summer! Visit for www.wmuv.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Standing-Rock-Kit-Flyer-.pdf for more information on how you and your church can participate. You can bring your items to the Dover WMU Annual Meeting.

Please register: www.doverbaptist.org/wmu/2021-registration

Celebrating Mission that Matters

By: Maria Lynn

Dover Baptist Association has been doing missions together with God and each other since 1783. We have a legacy of generosity that impacts and transforms lives in our communities and beyond. Matthew 5:14 says, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden". The 'you' in this scripture is a collective 'you'. One that means our combined force of light reaches far beyond the walls of darkness. On Sunday, April 25th, we celebrated being on mission for God at our Semi-Annual Meeting of the Dover Baptist Association.

We gathered at Glen Allen Baptist Church to celebrate the investment Dover Baptists are making in the lives of students and the investment Dover Baptists are making in the community around us and beyond. Thanks to the generous gifts of Fairmount Memorial Baptist Church, we were able to award scholarships for 3 individuals pursuing training for traditional or non-traditional ministry. These three are: Adam Denny, Pastor, North Run Baptist Church; John Gillam, Youth Minister, Parham Road Baptist Church; and Derek Nicksich, Student Minister, Cool Spring Baptist Church. The Student Ministries Council recognized the current and last year's Hepler Scholarship recipients: Morgan Miller, Shalom Baptist Church was recognized as our 2020 recipient and Leanne Hix, Fort Lee Baptist Church was awarded the 2021 scholarship.

Fairmount Baptist Scholarship Recipients



ADAM DENNY



JOHN GILLAM



DEREK NICKSICH

Hepler Scholarship Recipients



LEANNE HIX



MORGAN MILLER

Dover Baptists invest in the community around us through your gifts to the Leslie and Hazel Watson Mission Offering each year. This year we heard stories of personal impact and involvement from past recipients of the mission offering: Honesty Liller shared her struggle with addiction and the recovery help she found through the McShin Foundation; Kate Ayers, ReEstablish Richmond and Tarron Howe, Good News Jail and Prison Ministry shared the work their ministries are doing to aid refugee families and provide the hope of Christ for inmates. Lastly, we celebrated the baptisms of three young men through our mission partners at Tipi Wakan Baptist Church in North Dakota.

Thank you for your gifts to the Watson Mission Offering in 2020! You have a part in the stories these recipients were able to share because of your generosity through prayer, giving and getting involved in your communities. Thank you!

Pray For These

The leaders of Tipi Wakan Ministries, our Dover Staff, and in Dover's churches:

May 2: Hopeful Baptist Church

Leroy Davis, Pastor; Charles Waldrop, Cathy Waldrop, Sean Fabling, Connie Cover
Hopewell Baptist Church

Jeremy Smith, Pastor; Rhonda Boggs, Beverly Foreman, Audra Smith

May 9: Hunton Baptist Church

Frank Goare, Pastor; Paige Green, Tanya Shearin, Cheryl Douglas-Walker, Bruce Swartz, Cathy Truslow, June Eanes, Vi White, Evanne Benson

May 16: Indian View Baptist Church

Joshua Lewis, Pastor; Brenda McKinney

May 23: Kentwood Heights Baptist Church

Dave Smith, Pastor; Mike Bailey, Lori Taylor, Jenne Bickett

May 30: Little Elam Baptist Church

Danny Patterson, Pastor; Daniel Wallace, Julene Branch, Tandra Jones

A special prayer for the following churches that are in transition (either currently without a pastor or have an interim/intentional pastor):

Arabic	Gwathmey	New Bethesda
Black Creek	Mechanicsville	Mount Olivet

Congratulations

...to Stacie Taylor, for recently being named the 2020-2021 Hanover County Public Schools Teacher of the Year! Stacie is the daughter of Louise Crooks (Mike), who serves as the Financial Secretary for **Ridge Baptist Church**.

Dover Baptists Express Sympathy

...to the family of Mildred Coleman Oatman who passed away on April 9. Mildred was a member of **Walnut Grove Baptist Church**. She was the mother of Aimee West, who served as the Financial Secretary for **Dover Baptist Association** (1977-1979), and a member of **New Bethesda Baptist Church**. Mildred was also the mother-in-law of Felix Cross (Peggy), who served as an Attorney for **Dover Baptist Association** (1978-2016).

...to the family of Jackie Alsop who passed away on March 25. Jackie was the sister-in-law of Sandy Weakley (Carroll), who serves as the Executive Assistant for **Dover Baptist Association**, and a member of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

...to the family of Andy Higgins who passed away on March 14. Andy was the son of Sandi Higgins (Ken), who serves on the Media Library Committee for **Dover Baptist Association**, and a member of **Cool Spring Baptist Church**.

Personnel Changes

- Dan McFaden concluded his service as the Interim Pastor of **Walnut Grove Baptist Church** on April 11.



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Maria Lynn, Interim Executive Director of Missions
Sam Duenckel, Associate for Missions
Sandy Weakley, Executive Assistant
Sue Hall, Ministry Assistant
Steve Smith, Associate for Ministry to Church Leaders

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 6, 2021

The Dover Prayer Council is inviting everyone to stop and pray for our country on Thursday, May 6, 2021. We all know that corporate prayer is powerful and needed during this time of uncertainty. Please pass this date along to all members of your church.

Positions Available

Visit www.doverbaptist.org for all of the job openings.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church seeks a Intentional Interim Pastor (full-time). The candidate will assume the pastoral role for the church and assist the congregation in identifying who we are and in time transitioning to a new pastor. They will assist the church in all activities associated with an active church. They will serve as the spiritual shepherd to the congregation, guiding members to develop, individually and corporately, as the body of Christ through worship, bible study, pastoral care and evangelical outreach. For more information and/or apply:

MBCsearch@mechanicsvillebaptist.church

Mount Vernon Baptist Church seeks a Director of Food Service (part-time). The candidate should be a strong Christian individual with experience and knowledge to oversee and implement food services for the church. They will also be the lead facilitator for training of all food service volunteers and will have supervisory responsibility over volunteers. The right candidate should have experience in meal planning, preparation and serving for large groups. For more information and/or apply, visit www.mvbcnow.org/jobs

North Run Baptist Church seeks a Ministry Assistant (part-time). Duties include, but are not limited to, taking incoming calls, maintaining the church calendar, typing the weekly bulletin and monthly church newsletter, purchasing office supplies, mailing correspondence, and working directly with the paid staff to achieve the goals of the church as well as other applicable responsibilities as assigned. Please send resume to nrbministryassistantsearch@gmail.com

Save the Date

Paper Shred Day

Tuesday, June 15 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Dover Baptist Association Office
Bring up to 3 grocery bags of paper to shred.

There's a license for that!

Thursday, May 20, Noon to 1:30 p.m. — on Zoom
Free seminar hosted by the Central Virginia Chapter of The Church Network.

Description: Does your licensing cover your organization properly. During this seminar, we will discuss what's out there and what you should have to protect your organization.

Register: www.vachurchnetwork.org/events/theres-a-license-for-that

Presenter: Tom Lewis, Owner/Operator
Online Ministry Consulting of VA, LLC.
After 5 years as the Online Campus Pastor and Director of IT at Passion Community Church in Powhatan VA, Tom decided to follow God in a new direction. Now he shares his passion and experiences by helping churches develop and improve their online presence! Tom helps churches spread the message of Jesus Christ and expand the reach of their church through online ministries. He utilizes internet-based services that will help connect with more people, more effectively. Tom works alongside the church to help tailor their online experience to best fit their church and congregation.

For more information, contact Sam Duenckel by email: sam.duenckel@doverbaptist.org or call (804) 550-1980.
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